

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/577,877

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1792

- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 6/4/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-6.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 4/28/06, 3/8/07
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ms. Stephanie Lawley on 4/2/08.

The application has been amended as follows:

Specification:

- a) Page 2, line 18, delete "Disclosure of the Invention"
- b) Page 2, line 19, delete "Problems to be Solved by the Invention"
- c) Page 3, between lines 14 and 15, insert --Summary of the Invention --
- d) Page 4, line 5, delete "Means for Solving the Problems" and insert --Detailed Description of the Invention--
- e) Page 6, line 12, delete "Effect of the Invention"
- f) Page 6, line 24, delete "Best Mode for Carrying Out the Invention"
- g) Page 24, line 13, delete "Industrial Applicability"

Claims:

Claim 1:

Line 8, after "by" delete "general"

Line 10, after "consisting of" insert -- : --

Line 15, after "fatty acid salt" insert -- , --

Claim 2: line 2, after "integer" insert —of—

Claim 4: line 2: delete "the (X) component and the (Y) component" and insert —said (X) and said (Y)—

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art fails to teach the composition comprising an ethylene oxide additive of monoalkyl amine represented by the claimed formula in combination with and at least one compound selected from the group consisting of an N-monoalkyl-N-(2-hydroxyalkyl)-iminoethylene carboxylate having a hydrocarbon group with a number of carbon atoms from 8 to 22; an acylated amino acid salt having a hydrocarbon group with a number of carbon atoms from 8 to 22; an alkylol sarcosinate having a hydrocarbon group with a number of carbon atoms from 8 to 22, and a tall oil fatty acid salt. The prior art further fails to teach removing oil from a part by cleaning a part using the claimed composition. In an interview on 4/2/208 with Ms. Lawley, the examiner discussed amending the specification and claims in order to place the application in better form for allowance. Authorization was given to make the above changes by Examiner's Amendment. Furthermore, the prior art cited represents applicant's own application.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sharidan Carrillo whose telephone number is 571-272-1297. The examiner can normally be reached on M-W 6:30-4:00pm, alternating Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Barr can be reached on 571-272-1414. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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